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COCOM Document No. 3419.20/1

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

ITEM 1920: SYNTHETIC FILM FOR DIELECTRIC USE

16th January, 1959.

Present: Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands,  
United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM Document No. 3019.20/1.

1. The GERMAN Delegation stated that, following queries from the UNITED KINGDOM Delegation, they intended to re-examine the matter dealt with in their Memorandum (COCOM Document No. 3019.20/1). They asked that further discussion should be postponed to the 29th January.
2. The FRENCH Delegation, while agreeing to a postponement of the discussion, asked that note should be taken of the following counter-proposal. The Delegation suggested that the words "suitable for use" in the text proposed by the German Delegation should be changed to read "capable of maintaining their dielectric characteristics over the whole range of ambient temperatures extending from below minus 45° C to above plus 100° C". The French expert explained the term "dielectric characteristics" as meaning:
- (1) the loss factor or power factor;
  - (2) the dielectric strength;
  - (3) the insulation resistance.

The expert pointed out that, at a temperature of 70 or 80°, products such as polyvinyl chloride (P.V.C.), Teflon and Hostafon, <sup>especially</sup> when thin, lost their dielectric rigidity. The text proposed by the French Delegation would serve as a clearer indication of the uses of synthetic film employed as dielectric in condensers.

3. The COMMITTEE AGREED that on the 29th January the above French proposal would be discussed at the same time as any revised text which might in the meantime have been put forward by the German or other Delegations.

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5. General

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Paragraph 2, twelfth line.

For "even when thin",

read:

"especially when thin".

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Change made in basic doc.